

10 Common Themes in Literature

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

[*Tips for Choosing the Perfect Theme for Your Story*](#)

A story's theme is its big-picture idea. Here are some of the most common themes in literary works:

- 1. Circle of Life** - This theme examines the cyclical nature of life.
- 2. Coming of Age** - This theme delves into the topic of growing up and maturing into one's self.
- 3. Corruption** - This theme scrutinizes the characters who seek and abuse power for their own gain.
- 4. Cost of Revenge** - This theme dissects how harmful action affects all involved.
- 5. Good vs. evil** - This theme explores the struggle between wickedness and virtue.
- 6. Heroism** - This theme analyzes what it means to be a hero, including how a hero is formed and the choices they must make.
- 7. Importance of Friendship** - This theme investigates what it means to be a friend and the benefits attained.
- 8. Power of Love** - This theme discusses the supremacy of love and how, in its many forms, it conquers all.
- 9. Suffering** - This theme delves into hardship, including what it means, why it happens, and how to deal with it.
- 10. War and Peace** - This theme considers the juxtaposition between conflict and calm.